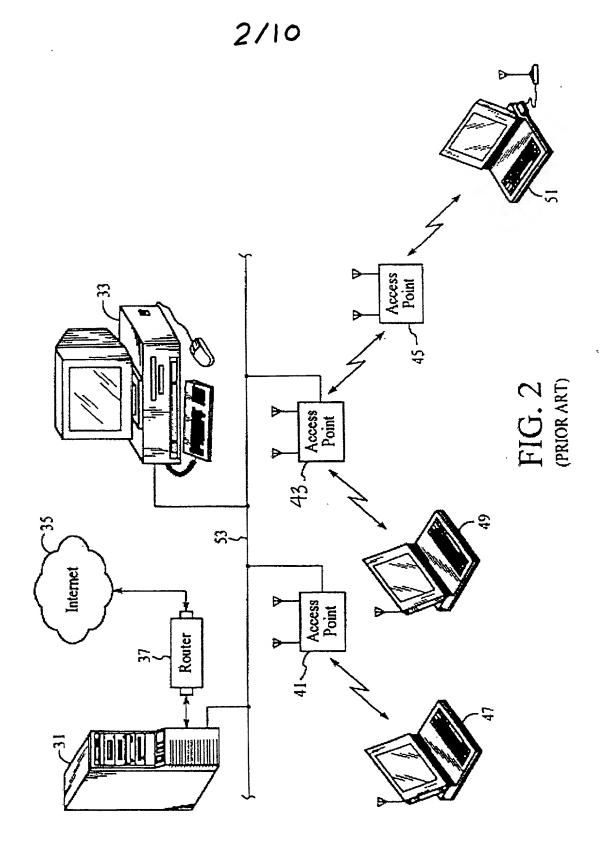


FIG. 1 (PRIOR ART)



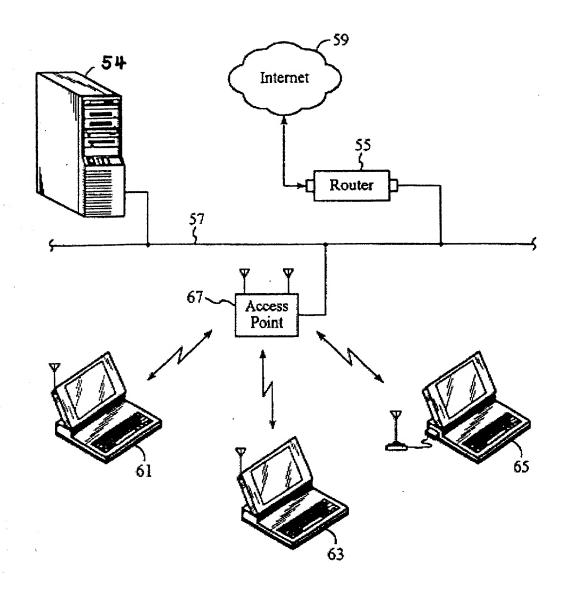


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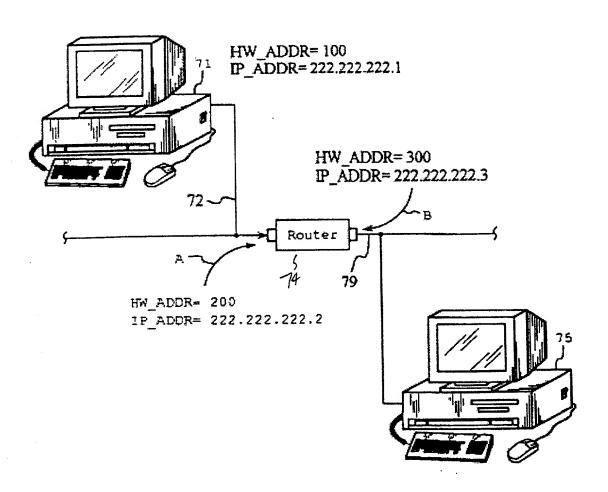
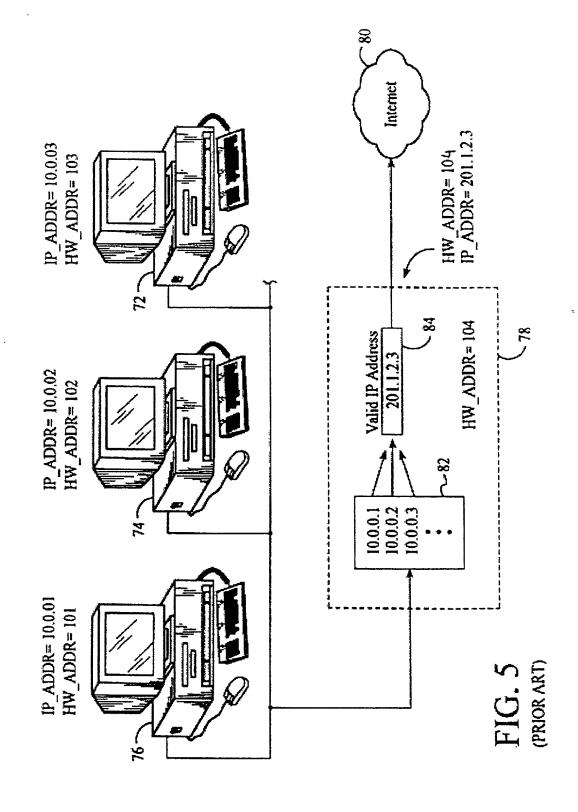


FIG. 4

(PRIOR ART)



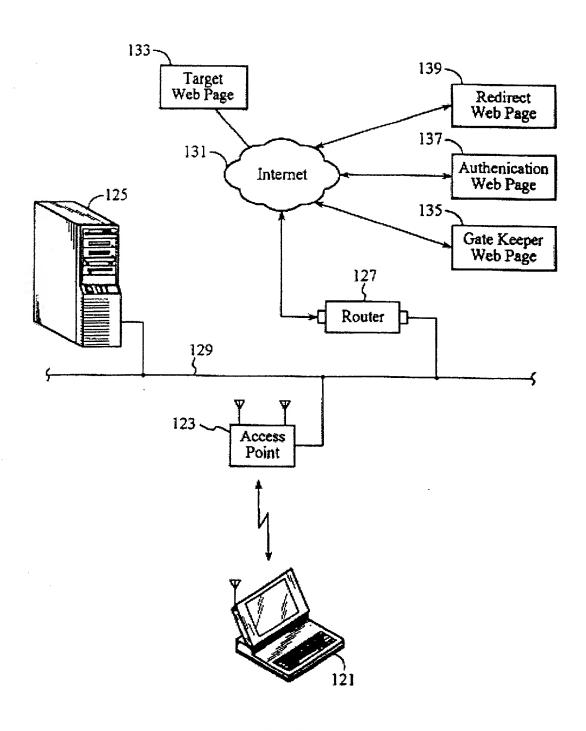


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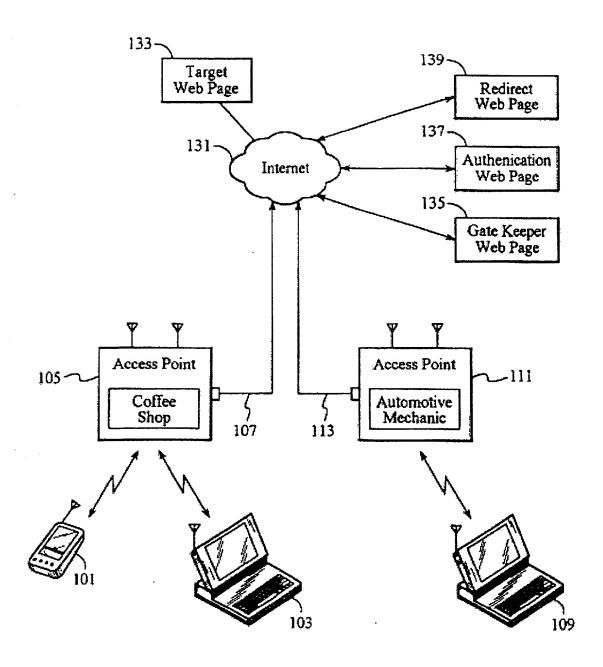


FIG. 7

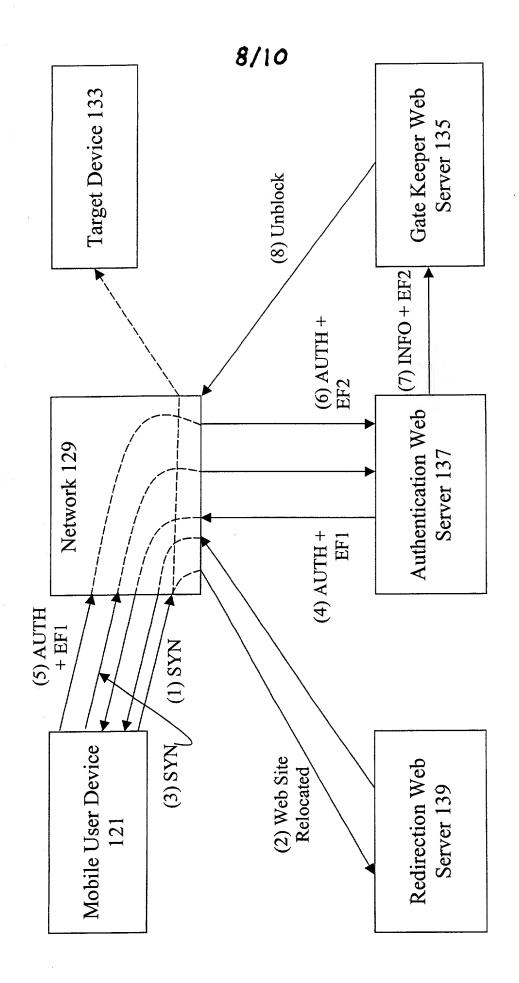
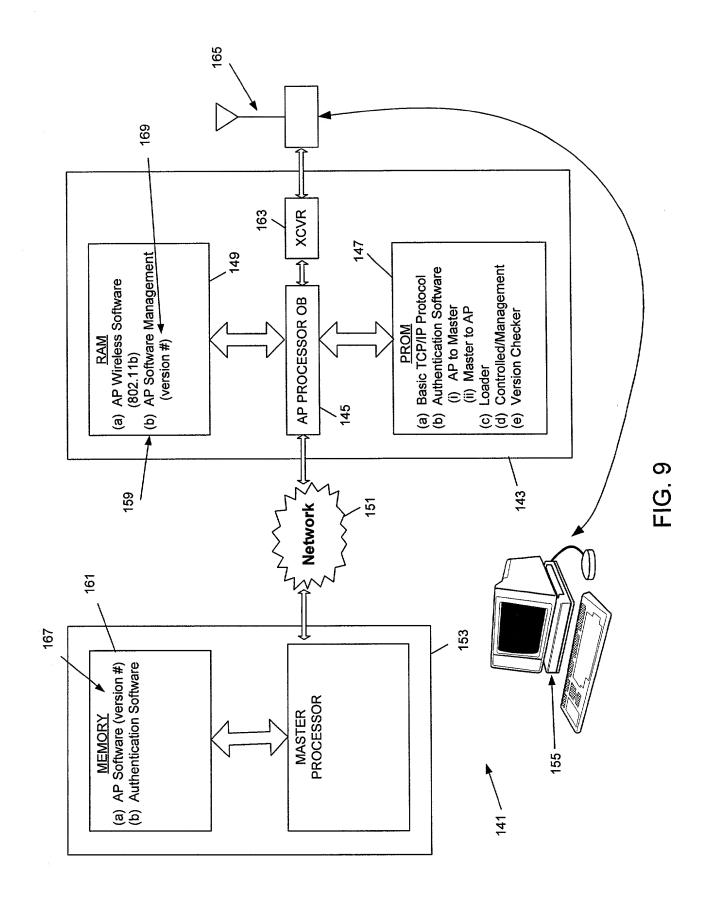


FIG. 8

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171 AP CONTROLLER IN **RUN STATE** 173 AP AUTHENTICATE MASTER 179 AT PRESET TIME (MASTER AUTHENTICATE AP) 177 **AP ACTIVATE** 175 YES **VERSION CHECKER** IS AP VERSION THE LATEST VERSION? NO ← 181 **AP SHUT DOWN** 183 (a) STOP ACCEPTING NEW CONNECTIONS (b) SERVE CURRENT CONNECTIONS **UNTIL TERMINATED** 185 CONTINUE WHEN CURRENT **CONNECTIONS ARE TERMINATED** 187 LOAD NEW VERSION FROM MASTER

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FIG. 10